

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Please amend claims 17 and 18 as follows.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of the Claims**

Claims 1-16 (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) A method ~~for~~ of transferring a foreign gene from a first cell to a second cell through contact infiltration, comprising,

inoculating the first cell but not the second cell with a ribonucleoprotein comprising an RNA derived from of a non-segmented (-)RNA virus into the first cell and allowing the first cell to contact a second cell, wherein the ribonucleoprotein has autonomous replication ability, and the RNA comprises a foreign gene, and the RNA lacks a gene encoding Matrix (M) protein or comprises an inactivated gene encoding M protein;

allowing the first cell to contact the second cell; and

detecting the presence of the foreign gene in the second cell.

18. (Currently Amended) A method ~~for~~ of transferring a foreign gene from a first cell to a second cell through contact infiltration, comprising,

contacting second cell with the first cell, the first cell comprising a ribonucleoprotein comprising an RNA ~~derived from~~ of a non-segmented (-)RNA virus ~~with a second cell~~, wherein the ribonucleoprotein has autonomous replication ability, and the RNA comprises a foreign gene, and the RNA lacks a gene encoding Matrix (M) protein or comprises an inactivated gene encoding M protein;

detecting the presence of the foreign gene in the second cell.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the ribonucleoprotein is inoculated into a mammal.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the first cell comprising the Ribonucleoprotein is inoculated into a mammal.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of any one of claims 17 to 20, wherein the non-segmented (-)RNA virus is Sendai virus.